Stampede at Mughalsarai station

*25. SHRI VARINDER SINGH BAJWA:
SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons who lost their lives and were seriously injured due to a stampede at Mughalsarai railway station on the 3rd October, 2007;

(b) if so, whether the matter has been inquired into, if so, the details of the findings and the action taken thereon; and

(c) the compensation given by the Railways to the next of kin of the dead and to those seriously injured?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI LALU PRASAD): (a) In the incident of stampede at Mughalsarai railway station on the 3rd October, 2007; 15 persons lost their lives, while 12 persons sustained grievous injury and 39 persons sustained simple injury.

(b) A Committee consisting of Chief Commercial Manager (PS), Chief Medical Director/East Central Railway and Sr. Divisional Security Commissioner/Railway Protection Force, Mughalsarai/East Central Railway, has been constituted to conduct enquiry into the incident. The enquiry by the above Committee is under progress.

(c) Compensation is paid only after a decree is awarded on the claim filed in this regard in the Railway Claims Tribunal. So far, no claim has been filed. However, the following amount of *ex-gratia* has been paid to the victims of the incident by the Railway Administration:—

(i) Rs. 15,000/- has been paid to the kins of each of the deceased persons after postmortem.

(ii) Rs. 5,000/- has been paid to each of 12 grievously injured persons.

(iii) Rs. 500/- has been paid to each of 39 simply injured persons.

In addition, Hon'ble Minister for Railways has enhanced amount of *ex-gratia* to Rs. 2 lakh per head in case of death. Payment of this enhanced *ex-gratia* is under process.

Transplantation of Human Organs Act

*26. SHRI HARISH RAWAT:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any review of the Transplantation of Human Organs Act, if so, the details of the outcome; and

(b) what steps are being taken by Government to incorporate such outcome in the Act?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS): (a) and (b) A Committee was constituted by the Delhi High Court to review the provisions of the Transplantation of Human Organs Act (THOA), 1994, and the rules framed thereunder. After examining the recommendations of the Committee, it was felt that wider consultations with different stakeholders were required. Therefore, the recommendations of the Committee along with the comments of the Ministry were placed in public domain and the